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Real Son Jake Strait Receives Medal from UDC



"The Brave Beget the Brave". So said reporter Mary Logan as she detailed the presentation of the Cross of Military Service to Compatriot and Real Son Jacob Fox Strait, Jr., of Battery White Camp in Georgetown. Jake is a veteran of WWII and the Battle of the Bulge.

Presented by Mrs. Winfred Cope, President of the SC Division, UDC (in photo, on the left), assisted by Incoming Division Historian Nancy Hilliard (on the right), the medal is awarded by the Arthur Manigault Chapter of the UDC for Jake's (in the middle) service. President Cope pinned the medal on his Confederate uniform as he stood at the podium.

Jake, 74 years young, recalled his father, Thomas Jefferson Strait and his uncles, Surgeon Gilbert Lafayette Strait and Frank Strait. Gilbert died at Chester, SC, in 1863 from wounds received at Second Manassas. Thomas and Frank both survived the war -- Thomas had been wounded several times and died when Jake was 3; Frank died in 1890.

The strange flag behind Jake is the one under which he served when he performed the duty that earned him this prestigious medal. Congratulations, Jake!

Order of the Confederate Rose

There has been printed reference to this organization in recent publications, but no one has summarized its purpose or activities before now, at least to this reader. The *Old Dominion Voice* newsletter of the Virginia Division, presented us with such an explanation in its December '94 edition.

This women's organization was formed for the expressed purpose of supporting the efforts of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Membership is open to all women 12 years of age and older, regardless of lineage, who are referred by an SCV member. Race, politics, and religion are not limiting factors of membership. It does not compete with the UDC or any other genealogical organization.

The Virginia Society President, Katherine Tennery, whose ancestors came to this country in the 1890s, feels that the issues of the period are not simply North or South, but American. She shares the legacy of the war and feels very strongly that all Americans are diminished by historical revisionists who would trivialize the issues and attempt to divide the country, emotionally if not physically.

Each chapter of the Confederate Rose and its projects are guided by local needs. Their internal organization, meeting schedule, and activities are set, followed, and modified by the local chapter as needed.

The Order is named for Mrs. Rose O'Neal Greenhow whose claim to fame has been widely reported and need not be repeated here.

Enrollment information has been published in the Confederate Veteran. In South Carolina, interested persons may contact Mrs. Cassandra Wilson, 135 S. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601.

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Change of address to 1113 Pine St., Cayce, SC 29033.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the preservation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee

SCV Commission

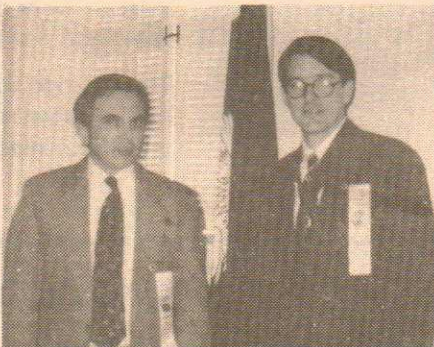
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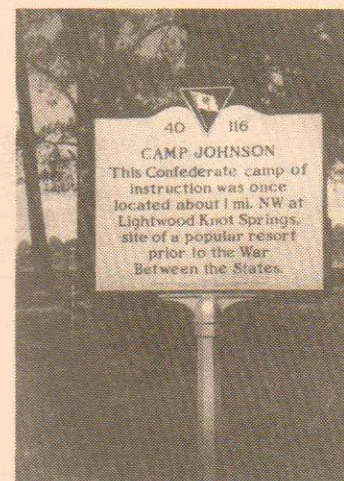
Joseph Oberstar, 64, of 2nd S.C. Regiment Pickens, Camp 71, passed away on December 17, 1994. He is survived by his wife Thailia; sons Larry and Bruce, and a daughter Michelle O. Ramsey. May he rest in peace.

Camp 71's newsletter had a quote from Gen. Lee's letter to his wife regarding the death of his daughter-in-law Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee; that quote bears repeating here:

"Thus is link by link the strong chain broken that binds us to earth, and our passage soothed to another world. Oh, that we may be at last reunited in that heaven of rest, where trouble and sorrow never enter, to join in an everlasting chorus of praise and glory to our Lord and Saviour!"



The SC Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars presented SCV Division Commander Chris Sullivan with a check for \$2,000, at the Centennial Celebration of the first SCV Camp in South Carolina, Nov. 19, 1994, at Newberry. The funds are to be used for the continuing battle to defend the Battle Flag over the Statehouse. The gift was made possible by an MOSB Executive Council grant. Pictured are SC Div. Cdrs. E. Wayne Wilson (l), MOSB, and Chris Sullivan, SCV.



Wade Hampton Camp 273 (Columbia, SC) and the 20th SC Volunteers (Palmetto Battn. of Reenactors) dedicated a roadside historical marker at Columbia on Nov. 20, 1994. The marker, at 7500 Parkland Rd., notes the location of Camp Johnson, named for the President of the Charleston and Columbia Railroad. Lightwood Knot Springs was a popular resort located on the railroad before the War. Approximately 30 people attended the dedication. The sign was erected by the Camp and the reenactors in cooperation with the SC Dept. of Archives and History.

Queries

Searching for info regarding N. (?Nicholas) L. LIPSCOMB, b. 1823, S.C.; d. 3 May 1879, Greenville, S.C. Mar. Emma C___; she b. 1833, S.C. Children: Malisa D. (b. 1852, S.C.), L.W. (male)(b. 1854, S.C.), Preston B. (female)(b. 1857, S.C.), and Betty A. (b. 1860, Ala.)

Is obituary available? Where is he buried in Greenville? Gravestone data? Names and burial data for parents, and burial data for wife Emma.

Responses to Robert G. McLendon, Jr., P.O. Box 12775, Gainesville, FL 32604.

Secession Camp Gives Special Awards on Lee-Jackson Night

At its Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 21, 1995, Secession Camp #4 presented two new and very special awards to deserving members. Neither member was aware that he was under consideration for any award, and both were pleasantly surprised. It was a touching moment for those in attendance.

The Order of the White Star, represented by a plaque of a white star on a red field (bringing to mind the Secession Flag), was awarded to Cmpt. Larry Steedly. This award is given to a compatriot who has taken it upon himself to promote and preserve Confederate history outside of Camp activities. The project is one which has been attended by a compatriot for a year or more and is deemed by the Executive Board to be worthy of recognition. Larry has been traveling the Charleston area, as well as other parts of the state, in search of neglected or abandoned Confederate gravesites.

Compatriot of the Year is the highest honor to be afforded to a member of the Camp. In keeping with the parameters, Andy Langdale is the first recipient of this award. A recipient holds no elected office and is voted on by his fellow compatriots. He is a member in good standing, attends meetings regularly, travels to other camps, participates in all activities, never hesitates to volunteer and is always going beyond the call of duty to ensure that the true history of the South is told. He is the Patriot Volunteer that Gen. Thomas Jackson referred to as the most reliable soldier on earth.

We congratulate these men and look to them as guiding lights on our path to service.

[Photo: Larry Steedly (l), Andy Langdale]



From the SC Division Heritage Committee

Palge Sawyer, Chairman

With all the political turmoil that surrounded the flying of the Confederate battle flag just about every month this past year, the South Carolina Division considers 1994 a victory year for us and the flag.

Let's acknowledge those of you who helped keep it there. You already know who you are. You are the ones who contacted your elected officials, wrote letters to the editor, participated in Memorial Day parades, helped build new camps, attended the public hearing in Columbia, made a donation to the Heritage Defense Fund, erected a new tombstone to a forgotten Confederate veteran or maintained a Confederate soldier's grave site, attended your camp's meetings, spoke to civic clubs and/or school groups, wore your lapel pin, participated in living history re-enactments, or just simply sponsored a new member. Thanks to you, the Confederate battle flag continues to fly above our capitol with the same honor and dignity as intended thirty

three years ago when it was raised in memory of South Carolina's Confederate Veterans.

We can't bask too long in our glory, as victories are short lived. 1995 is here and looks like the deciding year for the flag. No matter what the final decision on the flag, it's up to all of us, as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to see that the flag will continue to be honored as a proud symbol and military banner of the South which led over one million of our brave ancestors into battle for four years.

The official position on the flag by the South Carolina Division has always been to put the issue on a ballot and let the citizens of our great state decide its fate. Like it or not, the legislature, in all probability, will be the governing body that decides where the flag will fly. These are the people who asked for your vote and promised they would represent you in Columbia. Now is the time to ask them to keep that promise. The only way our elected officials are

going to know our position is for each of us to write or call our legislators and let them know we want the flag issue to be decided, not by them, but by the citizens of South Carolina. Is not the consent of the governed the responsibility of our elected officials?

If you don't do anything else this year regarding your membership in the SCV, why not take a few minutes and contact your Senator and Representative and let them know your feelings on the flag. The addresses are:

Senator _____
P.O. Box 142, Columbia, SC 29202

Representative _____
P.O. Box 11867, Columbia, SC 29211

Your Confederate ancestor will thank you.

Real Sons of the South Carolina Division

Real Son	Birth Date	Camp	Ancestor (father)	Unit
James Murice Cave	August 28, 1913	Rivers Bridge 842	Sgt. William Thomas Cave	Co. H, 17th SC (Ulmer's) Rifles
Marion Davis	October 19, 1914	2nd S.C. Regt. 71	Cpl. William Granklin Davis	Co. F, 2nd S.C. Rifles
Jacob Perrin Garvin	June 19, 1912	Barnard Bee 1575	Pvt. Jacob jAron Garvin	Co. I, 12st S.C. Infantry
Rembert Jervey Kennedy	October 3, 1920	Beauregard 1458	Pvt. John Walter "Wade" Kennedy	Co. D, 19th S.C. Cav.
Ernest Eugene McAlhany	January 17, 1897	Wade Hampton 273	Cpl. John Wesley McAlhany	Co. F, 2nd S.C. Artillery
Rupert Coleman Preacher	November 24, 1915	Barnard Bee 1575	Pvt. John Friendly Preacher	Co. E, 9th S.C. Infantry
Cullie Well Sessions	July 1, 1921	Battery White 1568	Pvt. John Marion Sessions	Co. B, Manigault's Artillery
Marion Sessions	July 10, 1908	Battery White 1568	Pvt. John Marion Sessions	Co. B, Manigault's Artillery
J.F. "Jake" Strait	January 6, 1921	Battery White 1568	Pvt. Thomas Jefferson Strait	Co. H, 6th S.C. Infantry

QUIZ question

Name the firstborn son of Gen. JEB Stuart, and how he chose the boy's name. Be specific.

Send answers to the Editor, *Palmetto Partisan*. First correct answer wins a prize. Postmark determines winner in case of a tie. No phone calls, please.

WARNING: This is a trick question.

ANSWER appears next month.

(How many children did he have? What were the names of his daughters, and how did he choose those names?) [Not counted for credit.]

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February 25-26, 1995

CAMP HISTORIES AND ROSTERS STILL NEEDED

Most camps have not complied with the request for their histories or rosters of their members and ancestors. Commanders are reminded PLEASE to submit these for inclusion in future *Palmetto Partisans*.

For those Camps who have had their ancestor lists published and subsequently have inducted new members, please review your lists and submit *updates* with the *new* members and their ancestors. We will print the *updates* in a later issue.

It is up to you to help us out here. NEXT MONTH: B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575.

CALENDAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Fly your Confederate flags on these special days!

FEBRUARY

1 February- TEXAS SECEDES - 1861

2 February- WILLIAM GREGG - 1800

2 February- ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON - 1803

3 February- JOSEPH EGGLESTON JOHNSTON - 1807

4 February- CONFEDERATE CONVENTION CONVENES IN MONTGOMERY, AL - 1861

6 February- JAMES EWELL BROWN STUART - 1833

8 February- ANDREW GORDON MAGRATH - 1813

8 February- BARNARD ELLIOTT BEE - 1824

8 February- CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED - 1861

11 February- ALEXANDER HAMILTON STEPHENS - 1812

18 FEBRUARY- JEFFERSON DAVIS INAUGURATED PRESIDENT - 1861

19 February- Egypt Station, MS - 1864

22 FEBRUARY- GEORGE WASHINGTON - 1732

25 February- GEORGE ALFRED TRENHOLM - 1807

28 February- Ely's Ford, VA - 1864

FLAGS NEEDED FOR QUIZZES

We published two quizzes regarding South Carolina flags, and we quickly identified two winners. It was our intention to offer other obscure SC flags in the same manner, but we have run out. If you have pictures/drawings of such, and the documented histories to go with them, we would like to publish them in a quiz. The submitter and the winner would each receive some sort of prize.

Send your nominations to the Flag Editor, 105 Coral Reef Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445. Be sure to describe the colors of those which are depicted in black-and-white.

Congratulations, Rivers Bridge Camp #842!

● Charter ceremonies on January 29, 1995

Cdr. Mickey Smith and his slate of elected and appointed Officers were sworn in at the Charter ceremony of the newest Camp in South Carolina. Following a BBQ meal, State Senator and Compatriot John Courson spoke to a large gathering, on the meaning of the SCV and Southern Heritage. Other dignitaries present included Division officers Chris Sullivan and Bill Bushall, UDC representative Mrs. Adrienne

Loadholt of the Earhardt Chapter, officers from the sponsoring Camp, and perhaps most importantly, 123 Charter Members of the new Camp, including Real Son James M. Cave.

This number represents the most Charter Members present at their ceremony anywhere in the Confederation, ever, according to Mustering Officer Brett Bradshaw of the Gen. Wade Hampton Camp. Many awards were

presented to members and supporters.

It indeed was a proud moment for the new Camp and for the attendees. The Confederation continues to grow in the heartland of the South, reaffirming our mission to honor our ancestor the Confederate soldier. We look forward with anticipation to the contributions of this fine new Camp.

News From Other Divisions

● From the Maryland Division

1. On Tuesday, August 16, 1994, the CUMBERLAND, MD., City Council removed the Confederate Battle Flag from the City Hall rotunda display of eleven historic flags because of a complaint by a small but vocal minority from the NAACP. You may write them of your displeasure. Mayor Edward Athey, City Hall, 57 Liberty St., Cumberland, MD 21501. Send a similar letter to the *Cumberland Times-News*, Letters to the Editor, 19 Baltimore St., Cumberland, MD 21502.

2. In 1931, in HARPERS FERRY, WV, the UDC and the SCV dedicated a memorial to Heyward Shepherd, a free Black man murdered by John Brown's terrorists, and as a memorial to all Black Southerners who remained faithful to their homes during the Late Unpleasantness. The National Park Service at Harpers Ferry has kept this monument under a box, or otherwise out of public view, for over nine years, for reasons presumed to be of political correctness. Communicate your displeasure to Senator Robert Byrd, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510; to Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., Washington, DC 20240; and to the Superintendent, Harpers Ferry National Park, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. [Since receiving this information, the *Palmetto Partisan* has learned that a solution has

been proposed. Watch the *Civil War News* for updates.]

3. A report published in the *Washington Times*, Nov. 28, 1994: "An entire fraternity chapter must perform a total of 150 hours of community service because a member briefly hung a Confederate Battle Flag in a cafeteria at New Jersey's Montclair State University, reports the *New York Times*. The decision came three weeks after Thomas Sebok hung his flag for about 15 minutes over Delta Kappa Psi's sign in the student cafeteria. After a seven-hour hearing, Montclair State's Greek Council judiciary court - which oversees the university's 37 fraternities and sororities - found the local chapter of Delta Kappa Psi fraternity guilty of conduct unbecoming a fraternity." No mention is made of alcohol and/or sex, so we are unable to define conduct *becoming* to a fraternity. No further information, or addresses, are available.

4. Maryland Division Commander G. Elliott Cummings has written the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites that, since the NPS at Harpers Ferry has hidden the Shepherd monument, and since Dennis Frye is [apparently] a member of the NPS staff and a member of the Board of Directors of the APCWS, he (Cdr. Cummings) is asking all members of the

Maryland Division to refrain from making any contribution to the APCWS. Additionally, Cdr. Cummings asks all Md. Div. members and Camps to refrain from participating in any NPS events until the NPS returns the Shepherd monument to full public view.

5. Two letters to the Editors of two Baltimore newspapers are particularly disgusting. One complains about the new monument at Gettysburg commemorating the Maryland soldiers who fought on both sides, as portraying both sides as equally honorable. The writer seems to think that only the South supported slavery: "I believe that this country is a better place because the Confederacy was defeated and slavery abolished." We are unsure of his attitude toward slavery in the North. In the other letter, the writer states that "in truth, the Confederate flag is a symbol of treason, plantation aristocracy and human slavery. It is a despicable emblem that should never be displayed anywhere in the United States." Apparently both writers slept through their history courses on the contributing factors to that War, if they attended classes at all that day. (Copies of these letters are available from the Editor of the *Palmetto Partisan* upon receipt of a SASE).

Message from the Division Commander

The Hon.. Christopher Sullivan

The Fight So Far

We have just completed the most active year of our existence as far as protecting our Confederate heritage is concerned. For much of 1994, the attention of the state was turned to the question of the proper display of the Confederate Battleflag, whether or not it should continue to fly atop the State House dome as it does now. The South Carolina Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case concerning the lawful display of the Battleflag atop the State House dome 15 November 1994. This was widely attended by our Compatriots. The high turnout is a credit to the interest and devotion of our members.

Compatriot Sam Howell of the Fort Sumter camp is the principal defense counsel in this case, and has done an excellent job of researching the question and fighting for the flag. It now appears that the court may very well dispose of the case by throwing it out. The Justices seem to have little room to maneuver without infuriating the legislative branch or begin forced to agree with our position. Neither of which is a good option for them. Recent developments lead us to be optimism that the legal questions will be resolved in our favor: perhaps dramatically so. Already our Compatriots across the Confederation have rallied to our aide. They have contributed to the Heritage Defense Fund. They have written letters and mailed the post cards from the last Confederate Veteran. The national leadership of the SCV stands ready to support us with whatever is required and to back it up they have made available \$5,000 for the fight. The MOS&B has also donated \$2,000. Now that we have gained so much ground it is crucial that every Camp, and every Compatriot work together to bring this matter to a successful conclusion. The rest of the Confederation is looking to us for the leadership to see this issue through.

There have been several legislative initiatives introduced for this session, and committee hearings have been scheduled. Even members of the Black Caucus have introduced a "Heritage Act" of their own (S.32) very similar to the three-way referendum introduced by Sen. John Courson (S.1) but containing several important differences.

The basic elements of the original compromise are as follows: remove the Battleflag from the dome, raise a Battleflag beside the Confederate monument, raise a Stars and Bars beside the Monument to the Women of the Confederacy, impose statutory protection for Confederate and Civil Rights monuments and for streets named for Confederate and Civil Rights leaders to prevent local governments from removing or changing same, and place a statement in the record that the Confederate flag is not racist *per se*.

Once this was presented to the Black Caucus they insisted on additional provisions which included a provision for a Civil Rights monument to be erected with private funds on the State House grounds. The Black Caucus's Heritage Act (S.32) would include all of the above plus a Black Liberation flag would be flown on the grounds until a monument was completed, consolidation of the three Confederate holidays into one mandatory Confederate Memorial Day, and institution of a Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.

Several other bills have been introduced which provide for a straight up or down referendum. For a dozen years this Division has consistently advocated a state-wide vote to settle the question. We are now closer than ever to achieving that goal.

Despite state, federal, and Supreme Court litigation, a Senate vote for the compromise, NAACP protests and threats, constant negative editorializing by The State newspaper and others, as well as a threatened special legislative session, the Battleflag yet flies.

All of you who have written and called your representatives, returned the post cards from the last Veteran, and continued to work to preserve the honorable display of our Confederate colors can be proud of the accomplishments of 1994. The state and federal court cases have been set aside; the Supreme Court saw determined resistance in the form of the SCV's amicus curiae brief and the superior legal research of Sam Howell. The NAACP is in disarray and their leadership is in disgrace. A record vote for the flag in the Republican primary propelled the Republican party to majority status in the legislature and constitutional offices. The SCV, in conjunction with the Southern Heritage Assoc., has conducted state-wide campaigns in radio and newspapers. And, there's more to come.

Despite the persistent attacks, this has been the most successful year in our history. Membership is increasing and new camps are forming at a rapid pace. Existing Camps are improving their programs and activities. As long the Compatriots of this Division continue their diligent work South Carolina's Confederate Heritage is in good hands.

What Makes Us So Special?

There are several other groups which are active in South Carolina. Some of them, like the United Daughters of the Confederacy, have been around as long as the SCV itself. Others, while relative younger, are nonetheless honorable and reasonable groups. Some however, fall into neither category.

While not seeking to disparage any particular group or organization, the uniqueness of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is worth noting.

First, ours is an old organization. Having been first organized in 1894, no other heritage group can claim to be our senior. During the last century the SCV has been very active, especially in South Carolina. South Carolina has been the site of three national conventions and the birthplace of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The Palmetto State has also produced three Commanders-in-Chief, the SCV's highest ranking officer. It bears repeating to say that the question of the day, flying the Battleflag, is part and parcel of the South Carolina Division. The flag was raised over the capitol by Compatriots of the South Carolina Division (Rep. John A. May, a Past-Commander-in-Chief, made the motion).

Second, ours is a structured organization with a clear chain of command. Many of the other clubs which are currently seeking members among South Carolinians have no such system. In fact, many simply ask you to pay an annual dues and let them do the rest. In the SCV a Compatriot has a clear understanding of who is in charge. Every officer is elected, directly or indirectly, by the camps. All business is conducted at camp meetings, state or national conventions, or by the elected representatives in the intervening time. When next you receive a membership solicitation ask yourself, Does this organization have a board of directors? Many of them do not. If they do, one may ask, How are these directors selected? Most of them have boards which are self-perpetuating, which means that directors pick their replacements. In the SCV, one always knows who is in charge and can have ones say in their election.

Third, is the high entrance requirements. Other societies have little or no requirements to join beyond the ability to sign a check. While this does not make them inferior, it does mean that the SCV is the only society of male descendants of the men of the Confederate armed forces. Our focus is clear because of the single-mindedness of our function and purpose. Every Compatriot of the SCV has a direct, demonstrable link to the veterans themselves. This does not mean that persons without such a link are less capable of standing for Southern Heritage, but rather that ours is an organization which can pinpoint the purpose for our existence. That's the way our ancestors wanted it.

Which brings me to my final point. The paramount factor which separates the SCV from all others, young or old, good or bad, structured or autonomous is that we are chartered by the Veterans themselves. After the cessation of hostilities the men of the Confederate armed forces organized them-

selves into veterans groups, as all military men of every war have done from the Revolution to Vietnam. Ultimately they created a national society known as the United Confederate Veterans. With their nation defeated and their states in ruins they could often look no further than each other for the care and subsistence which were required by the enormous number of disabled veterans, widows, and orphans.

The UCV lobbied state governments to provide pensions for needy veterans and their families, and they provided resources for those families. They also presented reunions to further foster the fraternity developed on the battlefield. As time passed, they realized that their most important task was to report the truth of the cause of the war and the motivation of the ordinary soldier.

As the remaining veterans grew feeble with age they considered the need to perpetuate the cause they fought so hard to preserve. To that end, in 1896, the veterans themselves, chartered the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Richmond, Virginia.

In so doing they bequeathed to us, their scions, not only the rich legacy of Southern valor, courage, and manhood, but also the weighty responsibility of guarding their history, vindicating their cause and the emulation of their virtues. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of South Carolina, delivered the opening remarks at the inaugural convention, and it is from this speech that we derive the Charge, which is read at all Camp, Division and national functions.

While this charge should not be repeated vainly for the sake of protocol, it should be a constant reminder of the noble purposes of our organization

From the Commander

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and the lofty principals to which we must all subscribe.

The veterans did their duty in the face of a voracious enemy. It is our duty to fulfill that bright legacy as best we possibly can.

Three Critical Tasks

There are now three critical tasks each camp should do in 1995 to bolster the strength and mission of the South Carolina Division. First, every camp should plan now to attend the Division Convention in April. Every camp is entitled to one delegate for every ten compatriots. Each camp should send at least one delegate to represent their interests at the Division level.

Second, is the General Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The same rules apply as far as delegates are concerned, and the level of influence of our Division is directly proportional to the number of delegates attending these national conventions.

Finally, the most important thing for you to do this year is to attend the Division Confederate Memorial Day services in Columbia. As the legislature, media, and public focus on the flag question, a large turn-out to honor our Confederate heroes will clearly demonstrate that the overwhelming majority of rational South Carolinians consider Confederate them and their emblems worthy of remembrance and honor apart from any other political connotation.

Update on Newberry Flag Situation

From the "Newberry Reports", newsletter of the John M. Kinard Camp #35, Newberry, SC, we learn the following:

The Newberry County Council was asked by the local chapter of the NAACP, on December 4, 1994, to submit a letter of apology to that organization for the Confederate flags being allowed to be flown outside the Community Hall during the Centennial Luncheon of the SCV on November 19, 1994. Although two of the members of Council felt that the intent of the ruling of Council on November 9, 1994, in denying the SCV the use of the flag poles in front of that building, was also to deny the flying of any Confederate flag that could be seen outside the building that day, the council as a body on December 8 upheld their earlier ruling that there would be no further action in relation to the Confederate flag issue in Newberry. This means that they also refused to issue the statement that their intent was to deny the display of any Confederate flags outside the Community Hall on November 19, 1994, by the SCV, and therefore no apology was in order. It is believed that this decision was reached much in part due to the several phone calls and letters that were directed to the Council members by camp members and others in helping them [Council] understand the magnitude of the attack on our heritage by the NAACP in opposing the flying of the Confederate flags in memory of the soldiers of that war.

The Community Hall formerly was the County Courthouse and was the site of an earlier, historic SCV meeting.

National Convention, Chattanooga, TN, July 25-29, 1995

Plan to attend!

From *The Brigadier*

of the Franklin Memorial Association

We received a copy of this excellent newsletter but are unsure of just how they got our address. Further, we do not know if each member of this Division received such a copy. However, there are some facts contained therein which bear repeating, so here goes.

This Association serves to restore and honor the cemetery and graves of the 1,487 Confederate dead from the Battle of Franklin, TN, in 1864. There are soldiers from every state of the Confederacy except Virginia. The largest contingent of buried came from Mississippi (424) and the smallest from North Carolina (2). South Carolina is represented by 51. There are 225 unknowns. All of these men originally were buried elsewhere but collected in 1866 and reinterred on a portion of the McGavock Plantation "Carnton", donated by the family for this purpose.

The Franklin Chapter #14, UDC, now owns this site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There is an on-going drive to raise funds for the restoration of the graves and markers, as well as for funds to care for the site perpetually. Many of our readers are aware of the drive and have donated to it already. The State of Tennessee only recently granted a matching \$10,000 for the restoration projects - a commendable move in today's political climate.

The publication contained several quotes of special merit, which we take

the liberty of reprinting here.

' 'If this cause that is so dear to my heart is doomed to fail, I pray heaven may let me fall with it, while my face is toward the enemy and my arm battling for that which I know to be right.' - Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne

"We abide the issue of arms, but would neither apologize for our course nor recant our faith. We would not dishonor our heroic leaders and brave comrades who died for our cause." - Judge Henry Cook, 1912 Confederate Memorial Day Speaker, McGavock Confederate Cemetery.

' 'So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' - Luke 17:10

The reprinted story of the Battle of Franklin, written by Dr. James I. Robertson (presented on the occasion of the Centennial banquet of the Battle of Franklin, Nov. 30, 1964, and published in the Tennessee Historical Quarterly) is recommended to all. Dr. Robertson was the Director of the US Civil War Centennial Commission. To obtain your copy, send a donation and a request to

The Franklin Memorial Association

P.O. Box 1641

Franklin, TN 37133-1641

In a published list of donors for 1994, we note only two camps from South Carolina: Secession #4 and States

Rights Gist #1451, not counting individuals listed. We note that the Indiana Division, SCV, donated to the Missouri section, and the Tennessee Division donated to the Tennessee section. We see no other Divisions listed, although several other Camps from other Divisions had donated to their particular states' sections. We also note that South Carolina's reenactors have donated to this state's section: The Palmetto Battalion and the 10th SC Infantry of Charleston as separate donors.

What are we saying here? The Palmetto Partisan would be quite pleased to report on donations by other SC Division Camps if they so notify the Editor. We would be *very pleased* to have the opportunity to acknowledge that *all* Camps in our Division had made this noble move. It is now up to you.

One special note here: Our Division 2nd Lt. Cdr., Randy Burbage, is a member of the 10th SC Infantry and of the Palmetto Battalion. It was through his tireless and constant efforts that SC donations were so thorough, with respect to how much was raised against what was needed just for South Carolina's section. Randy never asks for nor expects thanks or credit for his efforts, but we commend him on his devotion to the memory of his fellow South Carolinians and the Cause for which they fought.

South Carolina Capsules by Barry A. Price

Jefferson Davis, defiant to the end, had resolved to fight on. Late in April of 1865, with Lee and Johnston both having surrendered, Davis left Charlotte, North Carolina on horseback with several members of his administration and a group of willing cavalry. Their destination was Abbeville, South Carolina.

Along the journey he and John Reagan, a cabinet member, rode on well ahead of the others. Passing a modest home, they stopped and asked the woman there for a drink from her well. The lady inquired if he were not the President. Advised that he in fact was, she turned and pointed to a small boy coming from her little cabin. She then told them that her child had been named for him.

Obviously moved, Davis thereupon reached into his pocket and produced a small gold coin. The mother was asked to keep the memento and in later years give it to her son and relate to him the details of the visit.

Riding on towards their destination, Davis later told Reagan that the gold piece was the last coin that he had.

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Charter Meetings Scheduled

Feb. 18, Jeff Davis/4th S.C. in Piedmont. Info, Ron Wilson, 295-2489. White Plains Community Center, I-85 & Hwy. 8, 6:30 p.m. \$8; RSVP required.

Mar. 18, Major Morgan/Hart's Batt., *tentative*. Springfield Museum, old-fashioned BBQ. Info, [Russion Gen.] Bill Bushall, 663-4741.

Proposed Camps, need volunteers and action:

Dillon/Marion, Conway (volunteers on hand); Seneca, Bamberg, Saluda, Whitmire, Clinton/Laurens, Greenwood, Cheraw - need volunteers.

More Quotable Quotes

New England is provincial and doesn't know it.

The Midwest is provincial, knows it, and is ashamed of it.

The South, Heaven help us, is provincial, knows it, and is proud of it!

-Anon.

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